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In re Application of:

Boaz et al.

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Examiner: Bruck Kifle

For: HIGHLY ENANTIOMERICALLY PURE LACTAM-SUBSTITUTED  
PROPANOIC ACID DERIVATIVES AND METHODS OF MAKING AND  
USING SAMECommissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Amendment  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT**

In Response to the Office Action mailed on June 22, 2004, entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the remaining rejection in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) is submitted herewith. Thus, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for any extension required by the filing of the present amendment to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

This paper includes the following sections: an Amendment to the specification at page 2; an Amendment to the claims appears at pages 3-5 of this paper; and a Remarks section begins on page 6.